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## Here's a cool seed trt presentation made to EPA in December 2012

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Did you see anything for historic prices? I thought there was an option in Doane for "no Active ingredient" but I was wrong.

If anyone in BEAD has some fancy footwork for hashing out the price of untreated seed from Doane let me know.

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http://www.agweb.com/article/average cost of corn seed tops 200/

According to a recent Farm Journal Pulse, farmers paid an average price of more than \$200 for an 80,000 seed bag of seed corn in 2012. At 32,000 seeds per acre this is enough to treat 2.5 acres. Dryer areas (e.g. Kansas) using 40" row spacing often plant at 27,000 seeds per acre and they can plant 3 acres with a bag of seed.